

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A camera which can store data of a taken still image in a memory and can output the stored still image data to an external printer apparatus, said camera comprising:

a connector for connecting the camera to the printer and for outputting the still image data to the printer ~~attaching a detachably attachable connection device thereto;~~

a detector for detecting whether ~~any connection device is attached to~~ a connection is established with the printer via said connector; and

a controller for transitioning the camera into a state in order to output still image data through said connector ~~and said connection device to the printer~~ when said detector detects that said connection ~~device is attached to~~ is established via said connector.

12. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said external apparatus is a personal computer.

13. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said external apparatus is a printer.

14. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said external apparatus is a storage apparatus.

15. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said connection device is a connection cable.

16. (Currently Amended) A camera ~~system~~ which can store still image data of a taken image in a memory and output stored still image data to an external printer apparatus, said camera ~~system~~ comprising:

a connector for connecting the camera to the printer and for outputting the still image data to the printer ~~attaching a detachably attachable connection device thereto~~; and

a controller for receiving a signal indicative of a connection status between the camera and the printer via ~~detector for detecting whether or not any connection device is attached to said connector, whereby when said detector detects that any connection device is attached to said connector, wherein the controller, responsive to the signal indicating a connection exists between the camera and the printer, controls the camera ~~system is transitioned to transition~~ into a state in order to output stored still image data to the external printer apparatus.~~

17. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said connection device is a connection cable.

18. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said external apparatus is a printer, and wherein when said detector detects that said connection device is attached to said connector, the condition of the camera system, which is responsive to an output of said detector, permits stored image data to be outputted to the printer through the connector and the connection device.

19. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said external apparatus is a storage apparatus, and wherein when said detector detects that said connection device is attached to said connector, the condition of the camera system, which is responsive to an output of said detector, permits stored image data to be outputted to the storage apparatus through the connector and the connection device.

20. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said external apparatus is a personal computer, and when said detector detects that said connection device is attached to said connector, the condition of the camera system, which

is responsive to an output of said detector, permits stored image data to be outputted to the personal computer through the connector and the connection device.

21. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein when said detector detects that said connection device is not attached to said connector, a condition of the camera system, which is responsive to an output of said detector, inhibits outputting of stored image data to the external apparatus through the connector.

22. (Previously Presented) A camera system as claimed in claim 16, wherein said memory is part of a memory card which is removably insertable into said camera system.

23. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling a camera which can store data of a taken still image in a memory and can output the still image data to a printer connected to a connector of the camera, said camera method comprising:

~~a connector for outputting therethrough image data to be printed by said printer;~~
~~a detector for detecting a condition as to whether a connection is established between the camera and the printer or not an image can be printed by said printer, said image is based on the image data outputted via the connector; and~~

~~a controller for transitioning the camera from a present state into a state in order to output still image data through said connector to said printer responsive to detecting a connection when said detector detects that the image can be printed by said printer.~~

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Withdrawn) A camera method as claimed in claim 23, wherein ~~when said detector detects~~ responsive to detecting that the camera is not connected to the printer that the image cannot be printed by said printer, the controller inhibits outputting of the image data to the printer through the connector is inhibited.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling a camera which can store data of a taken still image in a memory and can output the still image data to a printer connected to a connector of the camera, said camera method comprising:

~~a connector for outputting therethrough image data to be printed by said printer;~~
receiving a signal indicative of a connection status between the camera and a printer, the connection status being indicative of a detector for detecting a condition as to whether or not still image data to be outputted via the connector can be received printed by said printer for printing; and

~~a controller for transitioning the camera from a present state into a state in order to output still image data through said connector to said printer via said connector when the signal indicates that when said detector detects that the still image data to be outputted via the connector can be received printed by said printer.~~

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Withdrawn) A camera method as claimed in claim 27, wherein ~~when said detector detects~~ responsive to receiving a signal that said printer cannot print ~~receive~~ the still image data, ~~the controller inhibits outputting~~ inhibiting the output of the image data to the printer through the connector.

30. (Cancelled)